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For: MINIATURE IMMUNO-OPTICAL RAPID ANALYTE SENSOR
PLATFORM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Washington, DC 20231, on January 24, 2001
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed July 24, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims:

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Please amend claims 26 and 38 as follows:

26. (once amended) [The fluorometer as recited in claim 25, further comprising:] A hand held, self-contained, automatic fluorometer for detecting and quantifying the amount of an analyte present in a sample, the fluorometer comprising:

a power supply;

a fluorometric cell for receiving the sample containing the analyte to be detected;

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